

Joint Village/Town Negotiation Committee Minutes
May 9, 2013

Town representatives present: Keith Seward, Bob Elkins and Dale Hustad. Village representatives present: Roger Truttmann, Kevin Budsberg and Dan Gartzke. Also in attendance: Village Administrator Nicholas Owen

1. Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair, K. Seward
2. Announcement: All cell phones are to remain silent during the meeting
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion by R. Truttmann to approve the agenda as presented, second by D. Gartzke. Motion carried.
4. Approval of Minutes of 04/17/2013 Meeting: Motion by K. Budsberg, second by R. Elkins to approve the minutes as presented.

Discussion: K. Seward posed the question of whether or not the group would be able to get past differences in order to make the CBA work. He did not feel that dynamic was currently in place.

R. Truttmann stated that he felt the group should step back and start over. D. Hustad suggested that if that's the direction he wants to go, he would like the Village to outline what they would like to see in a new agreement.

K. Budsberg stated that the current CBA is no longer a goal.

D. Gartzke reported that what he heard at the Village Board was that their member's views have changed and he agrees with K. Budsberg that the agreement in its current form would not make it past Village Board approval and felt it might be better to start fresh.

R. Truttmann stated that if the CBA were presented to the Village Board in its current state it would be voted down.

N. Owen's opinioned that he felt there was merit to the document but he stated he worked for the Village and needed to represent their wishes.

K. Seward stated that the original focus was to put together an agreement that would allow the Village and Town to work together as a community. Revenue sharing was an important element of the agreement but that there were other elements.

R. Elkins elaborated on K. Seward's statement and noted that in the beginning there was also an element of defensive posturing in regards to annexation particularly in areas close to the Village. The Town was interested in a new library, stormwater control and working together on industrial development.

K. Budsberg opinioned that he did not think that the current Village board is aware or interested in solving those issues.

D. Gartzke felt that a significant part of the CBA was to create a vehicle **"to help correct a perceived inequity"** ~~to help support a perceived equity~~ of library support for use.

K. Budsberg felt the Village board needed to put together a synopsis of what the objectives of the CBA should be and see if they are still in line. He felt that if those objects had changed significantly, the Village board should to come up with an alternative to the current CBA.

After a brief caucus, K. Seward suggested that the Village negotiation team should re-approach the Village Board, determine their specific objectives and determine if they really wished to continue the negotiation process. Seward also suggested that both boards could meet and jointly to review their respective original goals and objectives, the negotiation process to date and discuss revised goals and objectives.

D. Hustad moved to cancel the May 20 meeting, D. Gartzke 2nd. The Village Board will meet on May 21 and will review their original objectives, determine if the Village Board is still agreeable to those objectives, determine if the Village Board would find it useful to have a single purpose meeting between to two boards to discuss the CBA and finally, if the original objectives are no longer applicable, redefine them and report back to the Joint Negotiation Committee. Motion carried.

5. Set Target Meeting Schedule Through to Village Board Approval of Cooperative Boundary Agreement: without objection, the next Joint meeting or CBA will be at the Town Hall on June 5 at 6:30 p.m. ***Clerk's note: the motion to approve the minutes of 4/17/13 was not voted on and the motion should be revisited at the next Joint Negotiation Committee meeting.***
6. Adjourn: Motion by D. Hustad to adjourn, second by R. Truttmann. Motion carried at 7:45 p.m.

Patricia I. Salter, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of New Glarus